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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on March 25, 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-14 and 16-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-14 and 16-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's request for reconsideration of the finality of the rejection of the last Office action is persuasive and, therefore, the finality of that action is withdrawn.
2. Claims 1, 2, 4-14, and 16-22 are examined on the merits.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

4. Claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 12-14, 16, and 20-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being anticipated by Moriwake et al. (US 2003/0117431 A1) (Moriwake hereafter).
 1. In regard to claim 1, Moriwake discloses a media file management system, comprising:
 2. a control signal input unit that receives at least one control signal transmitted from an input device to control operations of the media file management system (page 3, [0047] to [0054]);
 3. an interface unit that accesses files stored in another information appliance by the control signal, and receives the media files (page 3, [0049], e.g. device controller instructs video disk recorder to reproduce a material...stored in the internal disc recording medium).

a media file management unit that creates a search window that displays media files to be searched (page 8, [0131] e.g. clip tree window) and an edit window that displays a media content file to be edited, when the media file is required to be edited (page 9, [0140], e.g. clip being displayed at present to be edited, and Figures 10-12), and searching and managing the

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media files through the search window or the edit window in accordance with the at least one control signal (claim 43); and

4. a display driving unit that displays the search window and the edit window together in a single display screen, wherein the media file management unit is implemented in a single program application (Figures 10-12).
5. In regard to claim 2, Moriwake discloses a memory unit that stores the media file edited by the media file management unit (page 9, [0136], e.g. clip database, and page 3, [0060], e.g. a RAM 21B in which the up-loaded application software and database are stored); and a display driving unit generates displayable results of the editing of the media file by the media file management unit (Figures 10-12).
6. In regard to claim 3, Moriwake discloses an interface unit that accesses media files stored in another information appliance (page 3, [0049], e.g. device controller instructs video disk recorder to reproduce a material...stored in the internal disc recording medium).
7. In regard to claim 5, Moriwake discloses the media files are album files containing at least one of image, music or movie files (page 5, [0081], e.g. one sequence of the video moving image data is defined as clip video data, and Figure 12, e.g. Library 33).
8. In regard to claim 6, Moriwake discloses wherein the media file management unit comprises:
9. an application driving unit that drives an application configured to manipulate a type of media file selected, and manages the media file through the application (page 13, [0189], e.g. the clip displayed on the library window 33 is clicked first or the clip displayed on the clip tree window 31 is clicked, so as to select the clip to be edited);

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an edit window creation unit that creates the search window (Figures 10-12, e.g. tree 31) or the edit window (Figures 10-12, e.g. Editor); and

a media file search unit that searches for media files stored in at least one of the memory unit and another information appliance (claim 43).

10. In regard to claim 8, Moriwake discloses the media file management unit causes results of the execution of a file edit command for a media file selected in the search window to be displayed in the edit window (page 13, [0189], e.g. the clip displayed on the library window 33 is clicked first or the clip displayed on the clip tree window 31 is clicked, so as to select the clip to be edited).

11. In regard to claims 12-15, 16, and 17, Moriwake describes the claimed system (Figure 1) for the implementing the claimed as cited above.

12. In regard to claims 20-22, Moriwake describes the claimed computer readable medium (Figure 1) for the implementing the claimed as cited above.

CLAIM REJECTIONS - 35 USC § 103

13. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

14. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various

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claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

15. Claims 9-11, 18, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriwake et al. (US 2003/0117431 A1) (Moriwake hereafter) taken with Meyers et al. (2001) (Myers hereafter).
16. In regard to claim 9, Moriwake describes the claimed invention except for the limitation of the media file management unit causes results of the execution of a file edit command for a media file selected in the edit window to be displayed in the search window. Myers discloses the media file management unit causes results of the execution of a file edit command for a media file selected in the edit window to be displayed in the search window (page 112, column 2, lines 1-3, e.g. “the user selects a portion of the video on one view in Silver, the equivalent portion is highlighted in all other views” as exemplified in Figure 1). Moriwake describes an invention to provide an editing system which can realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials with the original hierarchical structure. Further, based on the management information, this invention is to realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials to be the most suitable for the edit processing (page 1, [0007]). While, Myers describes a video editor with the goal of making editing of digital video as easy as text editing (page 106, Abstract).

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Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated by Moriwake to improve the editor of Myers to provide an editing system which can realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials with the original hierarchical structure and to realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials to be the most suitable for the edit processing.

17. In regard to claim 10, Moriwake in view of Myers discloses the file edit command includes delete command (page 111, column 1, lines 3-4, e.g. delete).
18. In regard to claim 11, Moriwake in view of Myers discloses the media file management unit is configured to copy the media file selected in the search window into the edit window in response to the Copy command being selected, and is configured to move the media file selected in the search window into the edit window in response to the Move command being selected (page 111, column 1, lines 3-4, e.g. copy and paste wherein paste has been interpreted as “move”).
19. In regard to claims 18 and 19, Moriwake in view of Myers describes the claimed system for the implementing the claimed as cited above.
20. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriwake et al. (US 2003/0117431 A1) (Moriwake hereafter) and Myers et al. (2001) (Myers hereafter) as applied to claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-16, and 18-22 above, and further in view of Chernock et al. (US 6,229,524B1) (Chernock hereafter).
21. In regard to claim 4, Myers describes the claimed invention except for the limitation of “universal remote control function.” Chernock describes the transmission of video data with the use of universal remote control function (column 4, lines 64-65, e.g. Universal Remote

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Control). Chernock describes an improvement to well known in the art video editors (column 1, lines 31-33) by providing a simple interface that allows a viewer to navigate a cursor among current hot spots and make a selection of function associated with one of them (column 2, line 66, to column 3, line 2). Moriwake describes an invention to provide an editing system which can realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials with the original hierarchical structure. Further, based on the management information, this invention is to realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials to be the most suitable for the edit processing (page 1, [0007]). While, Myers describes a video editor interface comprising a cursor for user selection (page 111, section 6.5 Preview View, e.g. user moves the cursor through the time line). Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated by Chernock to improve the editor of Moriwake and Myers to provide a simple interface that allows a viewer to navigate a cursor. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use the method of Moriwake and Myers with the universal remote control device of Chernock to provide a simple interface that allows a viewer to navigate a cursor via a Universal Remote Control.

22. Claims 7 and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Moriwake et al. (US 2003/0117431 A1) (Moriwake hereafter) and Myers et al. (2001) (Myers hereafter) as applied to claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8-16, and 18-22 above.
23. In regard to claims 7 and 17, Moriwake describes the claimed invention except for the limitation of the paths of the media files are displayed in the edit window or the search window. Myers suggest a plan to add support for many other views such as adding WWW

links (paths) in all other views might also be useful. Moriwake describes an invention to provide an editing system which can realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials with the original hierarchical structure. Further, based on the management information, this invention is to realize the simplified and high-speed edit by managing a plurality of materials to be the most suitable for the edit processing (page 1, [0007]). While, Myers describes a video editor with the goal of making editing of digital video as easy as text editing (page 106, Abstract). Therefore, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have been motivated by Myers to add WWW links (paths) in all other views. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to use the method of Moriwake and Myers with the paths of the media files are displayed in the edit window or the search window.

CONCLUSION

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